

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (currently amended): A bearing device for rotatably receiving a control element in media-carrying conduits of an internal combustion engine comprising a bearing unit comprising a C-shaped profile which surrounds said control element and which can be bent open at a separation plane and first and second substantially mutually parallel bearing receiving means at a location removed from said separation plane and which are oriented in co-linear relationship with each other forming the traverse limbs of the bearing unit which receiving means are connected by an at least partially elastic connecting element, said control element comprising first and second bearing journals respectively received in said first and second bearing receiving means, whereby said control element is rotatably fitted into said bearing unit and wherein said bearing unit can be inserted into a receiving means in the conduits.

Claim 2. (previously presented): A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the bearing receiving means and the connecting element are made in one piece.

Claim 3. (cancelled)

Claim 4. (previously presented): A bearing device as set forth in claim 2 wherein said bearing unit has an inside wall and the inside wall of the bearing unit has a flow wall extending inclinedly relative to the direction of flow of the media flowing therethrough.

Claim 5. (previously presented): A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein it has a sealing edge.

Claim 6. (cancelled)

Claim 7. (previously presented): A bearing device as set forth in claim 2 wherein it has a sealing edge.

Claim 8. (cancelled)

Claim 9. (previously presented): A bearing device as set forth in claim 4 wherein it has a sealing edge.

Claim 10. (new): A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the control element is a turbulence flap.

Claim 11. (new): A bearing device as set forth in claim 1 wherein the control element is a length switching flap.